GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
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NUCLEAR WASTE
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the countries are maintaining secrecy in dumping the nuclear waste in their respective countries;

(b) if so, whether India is also maintaining secrecy;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the waste is being dumped taking into account the safest possible location in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) No, disposal of radioactive waste from civilian programmes is not kept secret.

(b) No.

(c) Does Not arise.

(d) All radioactive wastes are treated to reduce their volume and fix them in suitable matrices for long term storage in engineered facilities and only very low level liquid and gaseous wastes are allowed to be discharged within allowable limits prescribed by the respective national regulatory bodies after proper treatment and dilution.